GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:507
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SHARING OF GANGA WATER
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is demanding its share of Ganga Water;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to consider their demand in view of the drought situation prevailing in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which Ganga Water is likely to be supplied to Rajasthan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Rajasthan has been demanding since 1984 diversion of Ganga water, for 100 days during monsoon, at the rate of 1133 cubic metres per second (cumec) near Hardwar and 566 cumec near Bijnore for use in the drought prone areas of the State.
Ganga Flood Control Board constituted anexpert committee to study this proposal but the committee could not arrive a t any conclusion on the surplus water availability of river Ganga. The study conducted by Central Water Commission revealed that sufficient water was not available in Ganga near these two places for more than 20-30 days in a year for diversion to Rajasthan and the proposal as such was also found to be highly uneconomical. In the fourteenth meeting of Ganga Flood Control Board held in June, 2000, it was decided that the study of diversion of Ganga water to Rajasthan could be done by National Water Development Agency.

(e) Implementation o f water transfer link proposal inter-alia depend on how soon the detailed project report is prepared after consensus is reached among the concerned States and the availability of funds.